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MARKEY APPOINTED AS A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE NEW SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Washington, DC: Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA), a senior member on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and House Resources Committee, released the following statement on his appointment by Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi to the new Select Committee on Homeland Security:

"I am honored to be appointed by Leader Pelosi to the newly created House Select Committee on Homeland Security. There is a tremendous amount of work for this committee to accomplish in a very short period of time.

"Homeland security is really Hometown Security for millions of Americans who live near nuclear power plants, chemical facilities, ports, big cities, and other likely terrorist targets. Al Qaeda and other terrorists are only bound by their imagination to do harm and by our ability to think creatively and quickly to ensure that we are always steps ahead of their attacks on our country.

The Select Committee on Homeland Security will be chaired by Rep. Chris Cox (R-CA), and Rep. Jim Turner (D-TX) will serve as the Ranking Democrat.

"I look forward to working with Ranking Democrat, Jim Turner, and the rest of my colleagues in this session of Congress to preserve and protect every hometown across our country from terrorist attack."

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